

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE TRANSMISSION CONTRACT (GTC)

effective as of 1 February 2025

1. OBJECT OF THE TRANSMISSION CONTRACT (the "CONTRACT") AND BASIC OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

- 1.1. The provision of the available capacity (contractual capacity) at the entry point (PWE) or exit point from the transmission system (PWY) shall take place on the basis of the capacity allocation (PP) and within the deadline specified therein. The conclusion or modification of the capacity allocation (PP) shall take place according to the procedure specified in the Transmission Network Code (hereinafter referred to as: the "TNC"). The new capacity allocation (PP) accepted for implementation for a given PWE or PWY replaces the existing capacity allocation (PP) and is effective as of the date specified therein.
- 1.2. Contracting the gaseous fuel transmission services through the transmission system and balancing services provided by the TSO shall take place on the basis of the transmission ability allocation (PZ). The conclusion or modification of transmission ability allocation (PZ) shall take place in accordance with the procedure specified in the TNC. The new transmission ability allocation (PZ) accepted for implementation for a given entry point (PWE) or exit point (PWY) replaces the previous transmission ability allocation (PZ) and is effective as of the date specified therein.
- 1.3. The rules for determining the quantity of gaseous fuels broken down by contractual periods and place of delivery and offtake of gaseous fuel within the transmission system are laid down in the TNC.
- 1.4. The TSO shall provide the available capacity at a physical entry point to the transmission system (FPWE) or at a physical exit point from the transmission system (FPWY) on the basis of the capacity allocation (PP) and within the time limits specified therein.
- 1.5. The TSO shall enable the transport of gaseous fuel through the transmission system and balancing on the basis of transmission ability allocation (PZ).
- 1.6. The qualitative and technical parameters of gaseous fuel as well as the conditions for ensuring reliability and continuity of gaseous fuel supply, including discounts for failing to meet the qualitative standards of the supplied gaseous fuel are specified in the TNC and in the Tariff for Natural Gas Transmission (hereinafter referred to as the "Tariff").
- 1.7. The rules for suspension and reinstatement of gaseous fuel supply are set out in the TNC.
- 1.8. All the terms defined in the TNC shall retain the same meaning in these GTC.
- 1.9. The TSO may introduce changes to the GTC, in whole or in part, in particular in case of a change in law, a change to the Tariff or a change to the TNC or in other justified cases.

1.10. The changed or new wording of the GTC shall be implemented in the following way:

- 1.10.1. The TSO shall inform the System User in writing or in the electronic form about the changes to the wording of the GTC.
- 1.10.2. The new or changed GTC presented by the TSO shall become binding on the System User after thirty (30) days of receiving the information referred to in point 1.10.1, unless the System User terminates the Contract pursuant to its provisions, including the provisions of point 7.5 of the GTC.

2. FINANCIAL SECURITY

- 2.1. In order to protect the interests of the entities the TSO has concluded the Contract with, and to ensure the operational security and reliability of the system, the System User shall demonstrate its financial standing that confirms its financial capacity to fulfil its financial obligations towards the TSO by setting a financial security according to the rules set forth in point 2 (hereinafter referred to as: the „Financial Security“).
- 2.2. The principles of securing the TSO's financial claims are stipulated in the Mechanism ensuring the financial neutrality of the TSO balancing actions in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No 312/2014 of 26 March 2014, establishing a network code for gas balancing in transmission networks, in accordance with the applicable decision of the President of the Energy Regulatory Office (hereinafter: "President of ERO") in force.
- 2.3. The System User is obliged to provide Financial Security in accordance with the rules set out in the Mechanism ensuring the financial neutrality of the TSO balancing actions, approved by a decision of the President of the ERO.
- 2.4. To be exempt from the obligation to provide financial security, System User shall have its registered office in an EU member state or a member state of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), a party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA) and confirm to the TSO that it has a financial rating of at least:
 - 2.4.1. Baa2 for Moody's; or
 - 2.4.2. BBB for Standard & Poor's, or
 - 2.4.3. BBB for Fitch.

The System User is obliged to inform TSO by electronic mail of any change in rating without additional request from TSO (and no later than on the day following the change of rating). In the event that the System User ceases to comply with any of the conditions referred to above, the System User shall submit Financial Security in an appropriate form and amount without request from

- TSO within five (5) business days of the date on which it ceased to comply with any of the aforementioned conditions.
- 2.5. The Financial Security may be provided in the following forms:
- 2.5.1. cash deposit made to a bank account specified by the TSO in the Contract, refundable after the settlement of completed transmission services, together with bank interest at a rate agreed for such account at the time when such deposit is made, less any costs of maintaining the account and costs of a bank transfer, in case when the deposit together with the bank interest is not used to satisfy the claims of the TSO, or
- 2.5.2. an irrevocable and unconditional bank guarantee, payable on first demand of the TSO, which has been accepted by the TSO, issued, as applicable, by a bank established in the territory of a Member State of the European Union or an EFTA Member State being a party to the EEA Agreement, provided that such bank meets the following criteria:
- (i) is not covered by restrictive measures adopted under existing legislation, including European Union legislation adopted pursuant to Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (OJ EU C 326/47, 26.10.2012), in respect of the provision of financial, banking or investment services, including assistance in issues or any other activity relating to transferable securities and money market instruments,
- (ii) holds a current rating from one of the following credit rating agencies: Moody's, Standard & Poor's or Fitch (level required not lower than Baa2 for Moody's, BBB for Standard & Poor's, BBB for Fitch);
- if the bank issuing the bank guarantee ceases to comply with any of the conditions referred to above, without additional request from TSO the System User shall submit to TSO the Financial Security in an appropriate form and amount within fourteen (14) business days of the date on which the bank issuing the bank guarantee ceased to comply with any of the conditions above, or
- 2.5.3. an irrevocable and unconditional surety accepted by the TSO, being subject to Polish law, payable at the TSO's first request, issued by the parent company of the System User's corporate group which has its registered office in the territory of a Member State of the European Union or an EFTA Member State being a party to the EEA Agreement, provided that the following criteria are met:
- (i) the parent company in the System User's corporate group is not covered by restrictive measures adopted under existing legislation, including European Union legislation adopted pursuant to Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in respect of the provision of financial, banking or investment services, including assistance in issues or any other activity relating to transferable securities and money market instruments,
- (ii) the parent company in the System User's corporate group holds a current rating from a credit rating agency (level required not lower than Baa2 for Moody's, BBB for Standard & Poor's, BBB for Fitch) and has submitted, in the form of a notarial deed, a declaration of submission to enforcement including the obligation to pay monies up to the amount specified therein pursuant to Article 777 of the Code of Civil Procedure (Journal of Laws of 2024 item 1568 as amended – hereinafter: "CCP"),
- (iii) the sum (total amount) of sureties granted by the parent company in the System User's corporate group may be granted up to 10% of the value of that company's share capital.
- If the parent company in the System User's corporate group ceases to comply with any of the conditions referred to above, without additional request from TSO, the System User shall submit to TSO the Financial Security in an appropriate form and amount within five (5) business days of the date on which the parent company in the System User's corporate group ceased to comply with any of the conditions referred to above.
- 2.6. System User may establish a Financial Security for the benefit of the TSO in the form of a promissory note and a declaration of submission to enforcement in the form of a notarial deed, including the obligation to pay monies up to the amount specified therein under Article 777 of the CCP in accordance with the specimen published on the TSO's website, subject to fulfilment of the following conditions:
- (i) the System User has its registered office on the territory of a Member State of the European Union or an EFTA Member State being a party to the EEA Agreement;
- (ii) for the last four years, the System User has continuously used contractual capacity at a FPWE or a FPWY and has paid its obligations to the TSO on time.
- (iii) the sum (total amount) of the promissory notes issued by the System User must not exceed 10% of the System User's company share capital.
- 2.6.1. When the System User has established the Financial Security in the form of a promissory note together with a declaration submission to enforcement in the form of a notarial deed, but no longer fulfils the conditions (i), (ii) or (iii) referred to in point 2.6 above, then within five (5) business days of the day on which the System User ceased to fulfil any of the above conditions, the System User shall present to the TSO the Financial Security in an appropriate form and amount. In case when the Financial Security is not renewed, the TSO shall have the right to change, for and on behalf of the System User, the form of the Financial Security submitted in the form of a promissory note together with a declaration of submission to enforcement in the form of a notarial deed, to a Financial Security in the form of a cash

deposit by drawing a sum from the previous Financial Security and depositing the aforementioned amount into the TSO's bank account (cash deposit). The change of the form of the Financial Security shall be applicable up to the amount of the Financial Security as calculated in accordance with point 2.7 at the date such change is effected.

2.7. The amount of the Financial Security set by the System User, for each gas day, shall not be lower than:

2.7.1. one hundred twenty-five per cent (125%) of the value of the System User's obligations towards the TSO in a single gas day constituting the sum of:

2.7.1.1. the liabilities unpaid by the System User (including the obligations not yet matured) due under the invoices issued by the TSO for the System User decreased by the TSO's obligations towards the System User resulting from the Commercial Transmission Report which have not been paid by the TSO, and

2.7.1.2. the System User's liabilities resulting from the potential amount of the daily imbalance charge calculated on the basis of the balance of mutual obligations of the TSO and the System User for all the gas days which has not been included in the invoice for the balancing services. The balance of the mutual liabilities shall be calculated as the product of estimated DIN value and KCK [Marginal Buy Price] or KCS [Marginal Sell Price] respectively for a given gas day published on the TSO website,

or

2.7.2. twice the amount of the charge for the transmission services provided during a given gas month calculated on the basis of the capacity allocation (PP) of a System User and the valid Tariff,

or

2.7.3. PLN 150,000.00 when the System User has a transmission ability allocation (PZ),

depending on which of the above values indicated in point 2.7.1, point 2.7.2 or point 2.7.3 is the highest one for a given gas day, subject to the principles for resumption of transmission services set out in clause 2.22.

2.8. The Financial Security shall be calculated for each gas day. The amount of the Financial Security shall be calculated by the System User itself pursuant to point 2.7. The Financial Security shall be set not later than five (5) business days before the provision of the transmission services by the TSO commences. In the event that the Financial Security is not provided within the time limit referred to above, TSO shall call upon the System User by e-mail or via the electronic Information Exchange System (hereinafter "IES") to provide the Financial Security within forty-eight (48) hours of the receipt of that call. If the System User fails to lodge the Financial Security within the prescribed period, TSO shall be entitled to suspend the transmission service to that System User starting from the beginning of the gas day on which the

transmission service was to be provided for which the Financial Security was required.

2.9. The Financial Security for the balancing group.

2.9.1. Pursuant to the provisions of the TNC the Financial Security regarding the balancing services for the whole balancing group shall be set by the Shipper responsible for the commercial balancing of the entire balancing group (ZUP_{BG}). The rules set forth in point 2 shall apply to balancing the whole balancing group, unless otherwise provided for in point 2.9.

2.9.2. In case the System User is a participant of a balancing group (ZUP_{UG}), the settlements in respect of the imbalance of the System User shall be made solely between the TSO and ZUP_{BG} for the balancing group. The above mentioned does not include the payment of the charge related to financial neutrality of balancing which is billed with each Shipper separately.

2.9.3. After signing the appendix 4 to the Contract the System User shall assume the role of the Shipper which is responsible for commercial balancing of the entire balancing group (ZUP_{BG}) and for making the payments to the TSO for the aggregate imbalance of all ZUP_{UG}.

2.9.4. For the purposes of determining the value of the Financial Security to be provided by a Shipper that is a ZUP_{UG} but not the ZUP_{BG}, the obligations of that ZUP_{UG}, as referred to in point 2.7.1.1 and the principles set out in point 2.7.2 shall be taken into account, and the obligations referred to in point 2.7.1.2 and the principles set out in point 2.7.3 shall not be taken into account.

2.9.5. For the purposes of determining the value of the Financial Security of a ZUP_{BG}, the obligations of that ZUP_{BG} as referred to in point 2.7.1.1 and the aggregate value of the obligations referred to in point 2.7.1.2 for all the Shippers that are participants of the balancing group (ZUP_{UG} and ZUP_{BG}) as well as the principles set out in point 2.7.2 and point 2.7.3 shall be taken into account.

2.9.6. The suspension of transmission services provided for the ZUP_{BG}, pursuant to point 2.8, points 2.13, 2.15 or 2.17 shall result in the dissolution of the balancing group for commercial balancing of which the ZUP_{BG} is responsible. The dissolution of the balancing group shall take effect from the gas day in which the provision of transmission services for the ZUP_{BG} was suspended pursuant to point 2.8, points 2.13, 2.15 or 2.17.

2.9.7. A ZUP_{BG} that is a participant of the balancing group dissolved pursuant to point 2.9.6 shall be called upon without delay following the suspension of transmission services provided to the ZUP_{BG} by the TSO, to establish the appropriate Financial Security in accordance with the general rules set out in point 2, within forty eight (48) hours from that notice, failing which the provision of transmission services may be suspended upon the commencement of the gas

- day following the set time limit. The above-mentioned notice shall be sent by email or through the IES.
- 2.10. The term of validity of the Financial Security shall expire three (3) months after the period for which the capacity (PP) or the transmission ability (PZ) has been allocated.
- 2.11. The System User shall submit to the TSO the due Financial Security fourteen (14) business days before the expiry of the existing Financial Security.
- 2.12. In case of long-term services provided for a period longer than one (1) year, the TSO shall accept the possibility of setting the Financial Security for a period not shorter than one gas year, subject to its renewal fourteen (14) business days before it expires.
- 2.13. In case the Financial Security referred to in point 2.11 and point 2.12 is not renewed on time, the TSO shall call upon the System User, by email or through the IES, to renew the Financial Security within forty-eight (48) hours of the commencement of the gas day on which the System User was obliged to renew the Financial Security. If the System User fails to renew the Financial Security within the deadline set by the TSO, the TSO shall have the right to suspend transmission services for that System User as of the beginning of the following gas day after the expiry of the deadline set by the TSO. The TSO shall also have the right to change – for and on behalf of the System User - the form of the Financial Security submitted in a different form than in cash to Financial Security in the form of a cash deposit - by withdrawing the amount of the previous Financial Security (provided in a different form than in cash) and depositing the aforementioned amount to the TSO bank account (cash deposit). The above change of the form of the Financial Security shall be applicable up to the amount of the Financial Security as calculated in accordance with the rules set out in point 2.7 at the date such change takes place.
- 2.14. The TSO shall have the right to verify the level of Financial Security for the previous gas day on a daily basis, to check it for consistency with the level indicated in point 2.7 or point 2.22. When it is discovered that the level of Financial Security is not sufficient, the provisions of point 2.15 or point 2.17 shall apply.
- 2.15. If the Financial Security of the System User in the previous gas day was lower than fifty percent (50%) of the Financial Security level required pursuant to point 2.7, the TSO, at the moment when forty eight (48) hours have passed from the beginning of the following gas day, shall suspend the performance of the transmission services for the System User without calling upon it to supplement the Financial Security. In addition, TSO shall immediately terminate the transmission ability allocation (PZ) at WPWE_{OTC} and WPWY_{OTC} to that System User. The System User shall be informed about suspending the transmission services by means of an e-mail or IES when the TSO decides to suspend the provision of transmission services.
- 2.16. If the suspension the provision of transmission services, referred to in points 2.8, 2.9.6, point 2.13, point 2.15 or point 2.17, takes place on the day which is holiday pursuant to the provisions of law or on Saturday, the suspension of the provision of transmission services shall take place at the beginning of the gas day commencing on the following day which is not holiday or Saturday.
- 2.17. If the Financial Security of the System User on the previous gas day was lower than the Financial Security level required pursuant to point 2.7 but equal to or higher than fifty percent (50%) of the Financial Security level required pursuant to point 2.7, the TSO shall call upon the System User in writing or by means of an e-mail or the IES to supplement the Financial Security by 15:00 hours of the gas day following the gas day on which the TSO called upon the System User to supplement the Financial Security. In addition, TSO shall immediately terminate the transmission ability allocation (PZ) at WPWE_{OTC} and WPWY_{OTC} to that System User. In case the Financial Security is not supplemented by the System User, the TSO shall suspend the transmission services to the System User when forty-eight (48) hours after the beginning of the gas day on which the System User should have supplemented the Financial Security.
- 2.17.1. The TSO may refrain from calling upon the System User to supplement the Financial Security if the amount of the Financial Security on the previous gas day was lower than the required level by an amount not exceeding PLN 1,000.00.
- 2.18. If 15:00 hours of the gas day, referred to in point 2.17, falls on the day which is holiday pursuant to the provisions of law or on Saturday, the time-limit for supplementing the Financial Security pursuant to point 2.17 shall expire at 15:00 of the following day which is not holiday or Saturday.
- 2.19. The Financial Security in form referred to in point 2.5.1 shall be regarded as supplemented when the TSO's bank account has been credited at least with the amount that falls short of the level of Financial Security required under point 2.7 or point 2.22.
- 2.20. The suspension of the provision of transmission services referred to in points 2.8, 2.9.6, point 2.13, point 2.15 and point 2.17 shall result the inability of the System User to submit a nomination or its rejection by the TSO in accordance with the provisions of the TNC, and termination of the transmission ability allocation (PZ) for WPWE_{GG}/WPWY_{GG} and WPWE_{PPG}/WPWY_{PPG} points. The TSO shall inform the Gas Exchange about taking the above measures.
- 2.21. Within the period of suspension of the transmission services pursuant to points 2.8, 2.9.6, point 2.13, point 2.15 or point 2.17 the delivery of the gaseous fuel to the Customers of the System User shall be continued by the TSO and the amounts of the gaseous fuel off-taken by such Customers shall be allocated pursuant to the provisions of the TNC. However, in the case when the System User informs the TSO about launching the supply of last resort or three (3) business days from the moment of suspending the transmission services have passed and the System User does not supplement the Financial Security up to the required level, or the Financial Security

- is not renewed, within that period, the supply of the gaseous fuel by the System User shall be ceased and the amounts off-taken by the Customers of the System User within the whole period of suspension of the transmission services of the System User shall be allocated to the supplier of last resort.
- 2.22. The resumption of transmission services for the System User shall be possible on condition that the Financial Security established by the System User for a given gas day is not lower than:
- 2.22.1. two hundred percent (200%) of the value of the System User's obligations towards the TSO on a given gas day, corresponding to the sum of:
- 2.22.1.1. outstanding obligations of the System User resulting from invoices issued to the System User by the TSO, less the TSO's obligations towards the System User resulting from the Commercial Transmission Report which have not been paid by the TSO, and
- 2.22.1.2. obligations of the System User arising from the amount of the potential imbalance fee determined on the basis of the balance of mutual obligations of the TSO and the System User for all gas days which have not yet been covered by a balancing invoice. The balance of mutual obligations shall be calculated as the product of the estimated DIN value and KCK [Marginal Buy Price] or KCS [Marginal Sell Price] respectively for a given gas day, as published on the TSO website,
- or
- 2.22.2. three times the charge for transmission services provided during a given gas month, as determined on the basis of the capacity allocation (PP) of a given System User and the applicable Tariff,
- or
- 2.22.3. PLN 400,000.00,
- depending on which of the values indicated above in point 2.22.1, point 2.22.2 or point 2.22.3 is the highest one for a given gas day. The principles concerning the required Financial Security, as set out in point 2.22 shall apply to the System User for a period of three (3) consecutive months starting from the date of the resumption of transmission services by the TSO.
- 2.23. If, during the period of suspension of transmission services pursuant to points 2.8, 2.9.6, point 2.13, point 2.15 or point 2.17, the level of the System User's Financial Security is consistent with the provisions of 2.22, the transmission service shall be resumed by the TSO at the beginning of the gas day falling on a business day, not later than after the lapse of the gas day following the gas day in which the Financial Security was supplemented, except for the transmission ability allocation (PZ) for WPWE_{GG}/WPWY_{GG}, WPWE_{OTC}/WPWY_{OTC} and WPWE_{PPG}/WPWY_{PPG} points, for which the System User should reapply for transmission ability allocation in accordance with the provisions of the TNC.
- 2.24. Should the System User, despite the suspension of the transmission services pursuant to points 2.8, 2.9.6, points 2.13, 2.15 or 2.17, fail to supplement the Financial Security, the TSO may terminate the Contract with the System User, the capacity allocation (PP) or the transmission ability allocation (PZ) pursuant to point 7.7.2, point 7.12.3.1 or point 7.14.3.1 respectively.
- 2.25. The TSO may reduce the Financial Security (to the required level, determined in accordance with these GTC), at the request of the System User, within fourteen (14) days of the delivery of the System User's request to reduce the Financial Security submitted to the TSO in writing, provided that there are no overdue payments due from the System User to the TSO, and taking into account the amount of the current obligations of the System User towards the TSO, to an amount not lower than the amount calculated for a given gas day in accordance with point 2.7. The reduction shall be effected by transferring an appropriate amount of money to the bank account indicated in the request together with interest due less the costs of maintaining the bank account and the costs of bank transfer, in case when the Financial Security is established in the form of a cash deposit, or by communicating the consent to reduce the amount of the Financial Security to the System User.

3. DISCLOSURE AUTHORISATION

- 3.1. The System User hereby authorizes the TSO to pass any information related to the performance of this Contract to the interoperating system operators, to the extent specified in the TNC.

4. TYPES OF CHARGES AND TERMS OF PAYMENT

- 4.1. The method of calculating fees and charges for the performance of the Contract and the manner of performing settlements are set out in the Tariff and the TNC.
- 4.2. The charges for the capacity made available shall be calculated in accordance with the valid Tariff.
- 4.3. When not included in the Tariff, the charges for the provision of transmission services and balancing shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, GTC and the TNC.
- 4.4. The System User shall be obliged to make timely payments of due amounts to the TSO. In the event that the System User does not use gas transmission service for the reasons attributable to the System User, in particular due to the lack of sufficient storage capacity, lack of capacity in the interoperating systems, the System User shall be obliged to pay the applicable charges in accordance with the Tariff.
- 4.5. In the event of a change to the Tariff or in case when a new Tariff becomes effective, the System User shall adopt such Tariff for application as of the date specified by the TSO.
- 4.6. The TSO shall issue invoices with the contents conforming to the valid legal regulations. The TSO may issue separate invoices in respect of the services provided in

- for the balancing of the group E high-methane natural gas (GZ-50) and for the balancing of the Lw sub-group low-methane natural gas (GZ-41.5).
- 4.7. The following documents may constitute the basis for the application of charges:
- 4.7.1. basic invoice issued by the TSO to System Users using capacity allocation (PP) and transmission ability allocation (PZ) for performed services, including the allocated firm capacity, and the allocated interruptible capacity for the previous gas month and for the auction premium.
 - 4.7.2. adjustment invoice – issued by the TSO within the scope of the transmission services for:
 - 4.7.2.1. balancing and congestion management services, including the imbalance charge, other charges calculated pursuant to the TNC, as well as the charge related to financial neutrality of balancing,
 - 4.7.2.2. the capacity overruns,
 - 4.7.2.3. the performance of services on the basis of proven additional costs incurred by the TSO, as well as in case of the occurrence of any errors in the billing and invoicing and in case of admitting a complaint filed by the System User,
 - 4.7.3. invoice issued by the TSO to the System User using exclusively transmission ability allocation (PZ) at the virtual point, in respect of balancing and for the performance of services on the basis of proven additional costs incurred by the TSO.
 - 4.7.4. interest note - issued by the TSO in the event that the payment terms are exceeded by the System User.
- 4.8. CRG_E , CRG_{Lw} , $CSRBE$, $CSRBLw$, KCK_E , $KCSE$, KCK_{Lw} , KCS_{Lw} and the rates of charges set out in the TNC are exclusive of the value added tax (VAT). VAT is applied in accordance with the valid provisions of the tax law.
- 4.9. Monthly billing and invoicing in respect of the performance of the Contract:
- 4.9.1. By the fourth (4th) day of the month following the month the billing relates to, the TSO shall issue a basic invoice to the System User with a capacity allocation (PP) and transmission ability allocation (PZ) in respect of the allocated capacity, in accordance with point 4.7.1, including the day-ahead product and intraday product for the previous gas month.
 - 4.9.2. By the twenty eighth (28th) day of the month following the month the billing relates to, the TSO may issue an adjustment invoice to the System User when the necessity arises to account for any additional charges due for the previous month in accordance with point 4.7.2.
 - 4.9.3. By the twenty eighth (28th) day of the month following the month the settlement relates to, the TSO shall issue an invoice to a System User comprising the amounts due in connection with the settlement of balancing services and other charges applied in accordance with the TNC for the previous gas month as well as the charges for the performance of services on the basis of proven additional costs incurred by the TSO.
 - 4.9.4. By the twenty eighth (28th) day of the month following the month the settlement relates to, the System User shall issue an invoice for balancing as well as the fee due in consideration of the financial neutrality of balancing, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the TNC.
 - 4.9.5. In the billings with System Users, the TSO shall take account of the transition from summertime to wintertime and from wintertime to summertime. In such cases the gas day shall be longer or shorter by an hour respectively.
 - 4.9.6. Following prior arrangements between the TSO and the System User made using digital channels, the offset the mutual receivables of the TSO and the System User resulting from the performance of the Contract shall be allowed.
- 4.10. Sending and receiving of invoices:
- 4.10.1. the invoices along with the attachments evidencing the basis for issuing them shall be made available by means of IES. The notification invoices and the attachments and supporting documents that have been made available shall be sent by e-mail to the address indicated in the IES,
 - 4.10.2. the System User shall send the invoice referred to in point 4.9.4:
 - 4.10.2.1. by registered mail or shall deliver it by other agreed means, against a confirmation of receipt, to the TSO's address specified in this Contract in case of the invoices issued only in paper form,
 - 4.10.2.2. in electronic form, issued and sent pursuant to Article 106n of the Value Added Tax Act of 11 March 2004 (Journal of Laws of 2024, item 361 as amended) and meeting the following conditions:
 - 4.10.2.2.1. the invoice is sent by the System User in electronic form from the e-mail address indicated in the Contract to the e-mail address of the TSO indicated in the Contract, as a PDF-file attachment,
 - 4.10.2.2.2. the e-mail address of the System User for sending the invoice is only the e-mail address indicated in the Contract,
 - 4.10.2.2.3. the domain of the System User has positive reputation. The negative reputation shall cause that delivering e-mail messages is ceased.
 - 4.10.3. Only the invoice meeting the conditions set forth in point 4.10.2.2 is regarded as effectively delivered to the TSO.
 - 4.10.4. the TSO may decide to prevent the System User from sending the invoices in electronic form pursuant to point 4.10.2.2 on which the TSO shall inform the

System User in writing. The decision takes effect for the System User after seven (7) days from submitting to the System User the notification in writing. In such case the System User shall send the invoices to the TSO pursuant to the rules set forth in point 4.10.2.1.

4.11. Method and terms of payment:

- 4.11.1. The amounts arising from the invoices are payable by a bank transfer to the bank account of the Party specified in the Contract.
- 4.11.2. The invoices issued by the TSO shall be payable within fourteen (14) days of the invoice issuance date.
- 4.11.3. The invoices issued by the System User shall be payable within fourteen (14) days of being delivered in accordance with point 4.10.2.
- 4.11.4. In the event of the TSO's failure to collect the invoice referred to in point 4.10.2.1 which has been sent to the TSO's correspondence address, such invoice shall be deemed delivered upon the lapse of fourteen (14) days after the posting date.
- 4.11.5. The date of payment of the amounts due is the date on which the creditor's bank account is credited.
- 4.11.6. When no specific document for which the payment is being made by the System User is indicated in the bank transfer, each such payment shall be credited towards the oldest receivables, including, in the first place, statutory default interest applicable to commercial transactions.

4.12. Default:

- 4.12.1. Any default on the payment of the financial liabilities shall result in the penalty interest for delay in commercial transactions for each day of delay. The amount of interest that accrues shall be payable on the basis of an interest note issued by a Party, within fourteen (14) days of the date of delivery of such note.
- 4.12.2. The TSO shall have the right to enforce the Financial Security, as referred to in point 2, in the event that:
 - (i) The System User defaults on payment for the services provided by the TSO, at least fourteen (14) days after the date it was due, following a prior notification of the System User by the TSO by email or through the IES, or in writing of the potential termination, according to the discretion of the attachment TSO, of the capacity allocation (PP), transmission ability allocation (PZ) or the Contract, as the case may be, and setting an additional fourteen (14) days' deadline for payment of overdue and current amounts due, or
 - (ii) The TSO suspends the provision of transmission services to that System User, or
 - (iii) The TSO terminates the Contract with the System User concerned, or
 - (iv) The System User fails to renew the Financial Security in accordance with the provisions of point 2.11 or point 2.12.

4.12.3. Termination of the Contract shall not release the System User from the obligation to pay the entire amount due, together with the applicable interest.

4.12.4. Any complaints with respect to invoices should be notified by the System User immediately upon discovering any irregularities, and in any case not later than before the lapse of the statute of limitations of the claim.

4.12.5. In the event when the complaint concerns errors in the invoice calculation, the System User shall make a timely payment of the correctly calculated amount that is agreed with the TSO.

4.12.6. The filing of a complaint by the System User other than one that concerns calculation errors shall not release the System User from the obligation to pay the amounts due arising from the invoices.

4.12.7. The TSO shall consider the complaint within fourteen (14) days of the date of its receipt and immediately advise the filing party that its complaint has been admitted, rejected or about further course of action to be taken.

4.12.8. In the event that the complaint is admitted, the TSO shall issue an adjustment invoice within seven (7) days of the date of admitting the complaint and shall send such adjustment invoice to the System User forthwith. The overpayment, if any, shall be applied towards future payments due and billed in the next invoice to be issued, unless the System User demands a refund thereof within seven (7) days of the receipt of the adjustment invoice, in which case the refund shall be transferred to the bank account of the System User within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of the refund demand.

4.13. Settlement of disputes arising from invoicing and payments:

4.13.1. If a dispute arises between the System User and the TSO regarding any invoices issued by the TSO, the Parties shall make all reasonable efforts to expediently settle the dispute through negotiations,

4.13.2. If the Parties fail to reach an agreement within thirty (30) days of the date of delivery of the demand to amicably settle the dispute, the disputed matters shall be settled by a competent common court of law.

5. TRANSFER OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CONTRACT

5.1. The System User hereby expresses the consent to the assignment of all or any part of the rights and obligations of the TSO hereunder onto a third party, including any subsidiary company of the TSO.

5.2. The System User shall have the right to resell or make available the capacity allocation (contracted capacity) (PP) subject to the terms set forth in the TNC.

6. RESTRICTIONS IN THE TRANSMISSION OF GASEOUS FUELS

- 6.1. The System User and its Customers shall reduce their off-take of gaseous fuel in accordance with the announcements made by the TSO according to the procedure and principles set out in the Act of 16 February 2007 on stocks of crude oil, petroleum products and natural gas, the principles of proceeding in circumstances of a threat to the fuel security of the State and disruption on the petroleum market (Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1281 as amended) and the related implementing regulations.
- 6.2. The levels of acceptable hourly and daily reductions of the off-take of gaseous fuel for each degree of supply rationing (contracted capacities), per System User, including its Customers taking gaseous fuel directly from the transmission system, shall be specified in a gas limitation scheme approved by the President of ERO.
- 6.3. For the duration of gas curtailment measures, the TSO shall provide the gas transmission service in accordance with the gas limitation scheme approved by the President of ERO and the applicable degrees of supply rationing.

7. TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT, CAPACITY ALLOCATION (PP) AND TRANSMISSION ABILITY ALLOCATION (PZ)

- 7.1. The Contract may be terminated:

- 7.1.1. at any time by the Parties' mutual agreement made in writing,
- 7.1.2. upon the expiry date of the licences required by law to perform the activities covered by the Contract or the decision designating the operator, if the validity of the licence has not been renewed, or if the Party or its legal successor has not obtained a new licence allowing continued performance of the Contract,
- 7.1.3. upon the expiry date specified in the decision of the President of the ERO ordering the Party to continue the performance despite the expiry of the licence, in the absence of renewal, or if the Party or its legal successor did not obtain a new decision allowing continued performance of the Contract,
- 7.1.4. immediately after the TSO becomes aware of the issuance by the President of the ERO of a valid decision on withdrawal of a license or on withdrawal of a decision determining the conditions of activities related to the performance of the Contract, but not earlier than the date of the validation, unless the System User presents the TSO with a statement signed by persons authorized to represent the System User, stipulating that the activities performed by the System User do not require a license under the Energy Law, within seven (7) days of the date when the decision on withdrawal of the license becomes valid.

- 7.1.5. on the expiry of the termination date of the Contract.

- 7.2. The Party affected by the circumstances described in point 7.1.2 or point 7.1.3 or point 7.1.4 shall be obliged to inform the other Party in writing of the date on which the Contract is to be terminated at least fourteen (14) days in advance.
- 7.3. The System User shall be entitled to terminate the Contract with fourteen (14) days' notice:
 - 7.3.1. in the case of non-performance by the TSO of the services provided for in the Contract for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days,
 - 7.3.2. in the case of a gross breach by the TSO of the provisions of the TNC, Tariff, Contract or GTC and a failure to remedy such breach in due time.
- 7.4. In the event of non-acceptance of amendments to the TNC or the provisions of a new TNC, the System User shall have the right to terminate the Contract within fourteen (14) days of the date of its publication with a fourteen (14) day notice period or any other (i.e. shorter or longer) set by the System User, however, no later than on the date preceding the entry into force of such amendments to the TNC or the new TNC, or without observing the notice period, effective as of the end of the gas day preceding the entry into force of such amendments to the TNC or the new TNC. In the event whereby an amendment to the TNC or the new TNC enters into force during the notice period, the System User shall apply the amended TNC or the new TNC with the revised wording throughout the notice period following the date of its entry into force.
- 7.5. Upon receipt of information from the TSO about amending the provisions of the GTC, the System User, within fourteen (14) days of the date of notification on the amended GTC, shall be entitled to terminate the Contract with fourteen (14) day notice.
- 7.6. In the event of any amendment to the Tariff, with the exception of changes in prices or fee rates set out in the approved Tariff, the System User shall be entitled to terminate the Contract within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of the new or amended Tariff with effect as of the end of the term of the existing Tariff.
- 7.7. The TSO shall be entitled to terminate the Contract with fourteen (14) days' notice in the case:
 - 7.7.1. where the System User is in arrears for at least thirty (30) days after the expiry of the original due date, despite having notified in writing or by e-mail or IES of its intention to terminate the Contract and being given an additional period of minimum two (2) weeks for the payment of overdue and current charges, and the System User, despite the expiry of the additional period, has failed to pay all current and overdue charges within thirty (30) days after the expiry of the original due date,
 - 7.7.2. of failing to extend the validity or to replenish the full amount of the Financial Security in the cases and

- form specified in the GTC, under the Mechanism ensuring the financial neutrality of the TSO balancing actions, despite a prior request received in writing, by email or IES, to replenish it within the prescribed time limit,
- 7.7.3. of System User's failure to comply with the restrictions in the off-take of gaseous fuel implemented in accordance with applicable regulations or the provisions of the TNC,
- 7.7.4. when no capacity allocation (PP) or transmission ability allocation (PZ) has been granted to the System User for a period of more than one (1) year,
- 7.7.5. of System User's gross breach of the provisions of the TNC, Tariff, the Contract or GTC and failure to remedy such breach in due time.
- 7.8. A Party shall not have the right to terminate the Contract, if the reasons underlying the termination were a consequence of a Force Majeure event, subject to point 7.9.
- 7.9. If the circumstances of a Force Majeure event or the remedying of the consequences of a Force Majeure event persist for more than sixty (60) days, each Party shall have the right to terminate the Contract with immediate effect.
- 7.10. Either Party is authorised to terminate the Contract without reasons, effective as of the end of a given gas year by notice submitted by 1 June of the respective gas year.
- 7.11. The TSO shall inform the Gas Exchange about the termination of the transmission ability allocation (PZ) for virtual entry/exit points to/from the Gas Exchange (WPWE_{GG}/WPWY_{GG}) with respect to a given System User.
- 7.12. Termination of capacity allocation (PP):
- 7.12.1. The performance of the capacity allocation (PP) shall be terminated in the following cases:
- 7.12.1.1. upon the lapse of the last day of the validity term specified in the capacity allocation (PP),
- 7.12.1.2. upon a written agreement between the Parties,
- 7.12.1.3. upon the termination of the Contract,
- 7.12.1.4. in the event of a complete change of supplier at a given point,
- 7.12.1.5. upon the lapse of the termination notice period for the capacity allocation (PP).
- 7.12.2. The System User may terminate the capacity allocation (PP) at a physical point in the case when:
- 7.12.2.1. the TSO fails to perform the obligations under the capacity allocation (PP) at the physical point for the period of thirty (30) consecutive days,
- 7.12.2.2. the occurrence of a force majeure results in the incapability to use transmission services on the terms set out in the capacity allocation (PP) or the Contract for a period exceeding thirty (30) days.
- 7.12.3. The TSO may terminate the capacity allocation (PP) when the following circumstances apply with respect to a physical point:
- 7.12.3.1. The System User fails to extend the validity of the Financial Security or supplement the Financial Security to the full amount of the Financial Security, despite a previous demand to extend the validity (renew) or supplement the Financial Security within a specified period of time, delivered in writing, delivered by email or through the IES,
- 7.12.3.2. in other events of a material breach by the System User of any provisions of the TNC, Tariff, Contract or GTC with respect to the capacity allocation (PP) and a failure to remedy the effects of such default in due time,
- 7.12.3.3. in the event of a force majeure resulting in the incapability to provide transmission services under the terms set out in the capacity allocation (PP), or the Contract, for a period exceeding thirty (30) days.
- 7.12.4. The Party entitled to terminate the capacity allocation (PP) due to the reasons described in point 7.12.2 or in point 7.12.3. above, shall provide the other Party with a notice in writing stating the reasons for and the date of the termination of the capacity allocation (PP). The date of termination of the capacity allocation (PP) shall not be earlier than fourteen (14) days of the date of delivery of such notice. Until such time, the Parties shall make efforts to remove the reasons for and the effects of the circumstances that justify the termination of the capacity allocation (PP). If such efforts prove to be inconclusive or, for objective reasons, are bound to fail, the capacity allocation (PP) shall be terminated on the date specified in the notice or on a different date agreed between the Parties.
- 7.13. In the event that the System User itself, or the suppliers or Customers the System User is responsible for, cause a threat to the security of the functioning of the transmission system, or the performance of any existing transmission contracts, in particular by delivering gaseous fuel of an inadequate quality for transmission or through an imbalance in excess of the admissible limits, the TSO shall have the right to terminate the Contract with respect to the part concerning the capacity (contracted capacity) (PP) or transmission ability allocation (PZ) at the points that contributed to the occurrence of such threat to the security of the functioning of the transmission system, subject to one (1) month notice.
- 7.14. Termination of transmission ability allocation (PZ).
- 7.14.1. The performance of the transmission ability allocation (PZ) shall be terminated in the following cases:
- 7.14.1.1. upon the end of the last day of the validity term specified in the transmission ability allocation (PZ),

- 7.14.1.2. on the date of expiry of the capacity allocation (PP) at a physical point that corresponds to transmission ability allocation (PZ) at a contractual point, in accordance with the principles set out in the TNC,
 - 7.14.1.3. upon a written agreement of the Parties,
 - 7.14.1.4. upon the termination of the Contract,
 - 7.14.1.5. upon the lapse of the termination notice period for the transmission ability allocation (PZ).
- 7.14.2. The System User may terminate the transmission ability allocation (PZ) subject to thirty (30) days' notice by submitting an appropriate notice in IES. With respect to WPWE_{GG}/WPWY_{GG} and WPWE_{OTC}/WPWY_{OTC} points the System User may terminate the transmission ability allocation (PZ) without the prior notice referred to above, by submitting an appropriate application in the IES at least five (5) days in advance.
- 7.14.3. The TSO may terminate or cancel the transmission ability allocation (PZ) in the following cases:
- 7.14.3.1. a failure by the System User to extend the validity of or supplement the Financial Security to the full amount of the Financial Security, despite a previous demand to extend the validity (renew) or supplement the Financial Security within a specified period of time, delivered in writing, delivered by email or through the IES,
 - 7.14.3.2. a material breach by the System User of any provisions of the TNC, the Tariff, the Contract or these GTC with respect to the transmission ability allocation (PZ) and a failure to remedy the effects of such default within the deadline set by the TSO,
 - 7.14.3.3. a force majeure resulting in the incapability to provide the transmission services on the terms set out in the transmission ability allocation (PZ) and the Contract, for a period exceeding thirty (30) days.
 - 7.14.3.4. The TSO shall immediately terminate the transmission ability allocation (PZ) at WPWE_{OTC} and WPWY_{OTC} in cases described in point 2.15 or 2.17.
- 7.15. The TSO shall deliver a termination notice to the System User stating the reasons for and the date of the termination of the transmission ability allocation (PZ). The date of termination of the transmission ability allocation (PZ) shall not fall earlier than fourteen (14) days of such notice. Until such time, the Parties shall make efforts to remove the reasons for and the effects of the circumstances providing grounds for the termination of the transmission ability allocation (PZ). If such efforts prove to be inconclusive or, for objective reasons, are bound to fail, the transmission ability allocation (PZ) shall be terminated on the date specified on the notification or another date agreed between the Parties.

8. LIABILITY

- 8.1. In the event of a default or defective performance by either Party of any of its obligations under the Contract, the Party shall be liable in accordance with the terms of the Tariff, Contract and the TNC.
- 8.2. The Parties shall be liable for a default in or defective performance of their respective obligations, unless the default or defective performance results from circumstances beyond the control of the Party, including those caused by a force majeure.
- 8.3. Each Party shall be held liable for the actions of its suppliers, customers, partners, subcontractors and other persons it retains to carry out the activities defined in the TNC, to the same extent as for its own actions.
- 8.4. The Parties shall not be held liable for a default or a defective performance of its obligations when caused by a force majeure, and specifically when a force majeure event led to a default or defective performance of the obligations by ISOs or third parties whom the Party retained to perform the obligations defined in the TNC.
- 8.5. The Party claiming a force majeure event shall be obliged to notify the other party, without undue delay, of the occurrence of a force majeure event, providing due evidence of its occurrence.
- 8.6. Immediately after the force majeure ends and its consequences are removed, each Party to the transmission contract shall, without any additional request, resume the performance of its respective obligations, which were previously suspended due to the occurrence of a force majeure. Immediately upon resuming the performance of its obligations the Party shall notify the other Party thereof.

9. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

- 9.1. In connection with the execution, performance and monitoring of the Contract, each Party will process personal data of persons employed by the other Party or cooperating with the other Party or retained as a sub-contractor of the other Party, which will be shared between the Parties in this regard (including specifically name, surname, email address, telephone number, place of employment, position). The mutual disclosure of the aforementioned personal data by the Parties shall not take place for the purpose of entrusting them to the other Party for processing, and each Party becomes a controller within the meaning of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (hereinafter the "GDPR").
- 9.2. The System User shall perform, on behalf of the TSO, the disclosure obligation under Article 14(1)-14(3) GDPR with respect to persons whose:
 - 9.2.1. personal data have been made available by the System User to the TSO, and who are authorised

contact persons in connection with the performance of the Contract – by introducing these persons to the information provided on the TSO's website in the GDPR section.

- 9.2.2. personal data have been made available by the System User to the TSO, and who are authorised to perform the Contract on behalf of the System User – by introducing these persons to the information provided on the TSO's website in the GDPR section.
- 9.3. The TSO shall fulfil the disclosure obligation under Article 14(1)-14(3) GDPR on behalf of the System User in relation to the persons whose personal data the TSO has made available to the System User, and who are authorised to exercise supervision on the part of the TSO, as well as to maintain ongoing contact in connection with the execution of the Contract, and are entitled to perform the Contract on behalf of the TSO – by introducing these persons to the information provided on the website of the System User.
- 9.4. In case when the performance of this Contract requires that the personal data be entrusted for processing by either of the Parties to the Contract, when the other Party is the controller of such data within the meaning of the GDPR, the Parties shall sign a separate agreement on entrusting the processing of personal data.

10. CYBERSECURITY

- 10.1. In connection with access to the TSO's telecommunication systems (IES) and the exchange of electronic correspondence, the Parties undertake to mutually report any and all identified or suspected incidents within the IT environment which, at the time of identification or reporting, bear the hallmarks of a cyber-security incident. A cyber-security incident is defined as an event or series of events that has or may have an adverse impact on corporate cyber-security construed as the resistance of telecommunication systems to actions that compromise confidentiality, integrity, availability and authenticity of the processed data or related services offered by such systems.
- 10.2. In the event whereby either Party identifies an incident referred to in clause 10.1 or the likelihood of such an incident, that Party shall immediately notify the other Party thereof through one of the following communication channels:
- 10.2.1. for TSO:
- 10.2.1.1. by telephone at: +48 22 22 01 111 or +48 885 250 999;
- 10.2.1.2. by e-mail: cert@gaz-system.pl.
- 10.2.2. for System User - the incident shall be reported to the persons designated in the IES (at the address provided in the IES)
- 10.3. The Parties are obliged to provide each other with all relevant and necessary information concerning the incidents referred to in item 10.1.

11. FINAL PROVISIONS

- 11.1. Whenever a notification by email or through the IES is referred to in these GTC, the Parties acknowledge that the delivery of such notification shall be considered effective upon its transfer.
- 11.2. The Parties are obliged to keep IES users' data within the organisation up to date (including contact details for dispatching services).
- 11.3. The Parties undertake to inform each other without undue delay of any and all events that may affect the safety of persons, the operation of equipment, installations and networks of each Party concerned.